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SUBJECT: CHILE DEBT RESCHEDULING

REF: STATE 45567

1. AT MEETING MARCH 4 WITH MFA/COMMERCE OFFICIALS
N.B. LEUF AND V. THAM, WHO ARE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR
DEBT RESCHEDULING MATTERS, WE REQUESTED AN AFFIRMATIVE
RESPONSE TO FRENCH CALL FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE PARIS CLUB
MEETING ON CHILE. SWEDISH OFFICIALS REFERRED TO
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BRITISH AND ITALIAN DECISIONS NOT TO ATTEND AND SAID

SWEDISH DECISION WILL NOT BE MADE BEFORE NEXT WEEK. SWEDES FELT THAT IT WAS NO LONGER POSSIBLE TO SEPARATE POLITICAL MATTERS COMPLETELY FROM PURELY ECONOMIC/FINANCIAL DEBT RESCHEDULING QUESTION AND REFERRED TO PREVIOUS PARIS CLUB MEETING WHERE THE DUTCH REPRESENTATIVE HAD RAISED POLITICAL ASPECTS OF CHILEAN SITUATION.

2. SWEDISH OFFICIALS AGREED WITH USG POSITION IN PRINCIPLE BUT INDICATED SOME DOUBTS WHETHER A SUCCESSFUL DEBT RESCHEDULING MEETING COULD BE HELD AS NOW SCHEDULED. THEY SUGGESTED THAT THE ONLY SOLUTION MIGHT BE TO DELAY THE MEETING, PERHAPS BY SIX MONTHS OR SO WHEN HOPEFULLY CONDITIONS IN CHILE WILL HAVE IMPROVED. IF SCHEDULED MEETING WERE TO BE DEFERRED, THIS IN ITSELF WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD BY CHILE, THEY SAID, AS CONSTITUTING A COMPLAINT BY CREDITOR COUNTRIES AGAINST THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION THERE. IRONICALLY, AFTER SO MUCH SWEDISH CRITICISM OF US INTERVENTION IN CHILE, THEY WONDERED WHETHER THE USG COULD PUT PRESSURES ON CHILE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS REFORM.

3. SPEAKING FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH CHILE, THE SWEDES INDICATED THAT THEY HAVE YET TO COMPLETE WORK ON THEIR DEBT RESCHEDULING TERMS. TO HOLD A PARIS CLUB MEETING AT THIS TIME COULD COMPLICATE THEIR EFFORTS TO ARRIVE AT A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION.

4. LEUF AND THAM TOOK NOTE OF OUR REPRESENTATION AND AGREED TO INFORM US OF SWEDISH DECISION AS SOON AS IT IS MADE.

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